

II. Claim Amendments

1. (Currently Amended) An input bearing adjuster system comprising:
  - a differential carrier ~~assembly~~ having a set of threads on an interior surface;
  - an input bearing adjuster having a complementary set of threads on an exterior surface;
  - an input bearing system of a differential comprising an outer race in contact with said input bearing adjuster and an inner race in contact with an input shaft and an input bearing; and
  - a locking mechanism to selectively secure said input bearing adjuster to said differential carrier;

wherein said threads of said bearing adjuster are engaged with said threads of said differential carrier ~~assembly~~ to adjust ~~both~~ the preload and/or the endplay of said input bearing.
2. (Original) The input bearing adjuster system according to claim 1, wherein said locking mechanism comprises a screw.
3. (Currently Amended) The input bearing adjuster system according to claim 1, wherein no endcap is attached to ~~necessary for~~ the differential carrier.
4. (Canceled)